



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: July 10, 2012

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Ordinance Change – Requiring Recycling at Block Events and Parades/Races**

Recommendation:

Amend Title 17, Chapter 455 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to Block Events, and Chapter 447 Streets and Sidewalks: Parades/Races to require that event organizers make provisions for recycling.

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Reviews Not Applicable

Financial Impact

No Financial Impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: NA
City Goals: Eco-Focused; Livable Communities, Healthy Lives
Comprehensive Plan: NA
Zoning Code: NA

Background/Supporting Information

The proposed amendments were designed to reduce the amount of trash being generated at large events in the City by requiring the provision of recycling and composting services. These amendments would require the following of event organizers:

- Provide a written recycling plan for the collection of all paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, metal containers and compostables.
- Provide an adequate number and capacity of containers for recycling shall be provided with proper promotional signage.

- Deliver recyclable materials to a processing facility and provide a weight ticket to serve as proof of compliance.

To gather input on these proposed changes, the office of Council Member Betsy Hodges contacted the organizer of several large block events, who were amenable to the proposed changes. The number of parades and races held each year in the City prohibited this same level of outreach. Some parades and races are already providing recycling services, and most of the same vendors that offer solid waste services at events are offering recycling services as well.

The proposed changes would take effect on January 1, 2013. According to data from Regulatory Services, 10 to 16 large block events held in the City each year would be impacted.

Attachment: Proposed Ordinance Language